Maureen Halahan President/CEO



40 Matthews Street, Suite 108 Goshen, NY 10924 (845) 294-2323 Fax: (845) 294-8023 info@ocpartnership.org http://www.ocpartnership.org

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

Dominic Cordisco Chairman

Doug Sansted Vice Chair

Robert S. Ross 2nd Vice Chair

Thomas Kennedy Secretary

Robert Kaehler Treasurer

Alan Marks Immediate Past Chair

James P. Smith Member at Large

Alan Seidman Member at Large

#### DIRECTORS:

Robert Armistead Dennis Barnett Scott Batulis Hon. L. Stephen Brescia Timothy Cawley Dr. Anne Carson Daly F. Edward Devitt Brian Dimisko Austin DuBois Michael Gilfeather **Edmond Harrison** Robert Hatfield Jonah Mandelbaum Hon, Steven M. Neuhaus Dr. William Richards M. Justin Rider

## DIRECTORS EMERITI:

Donna Cornell Robert Hannan Louis Heimbach Woody Levitan David MacFarland Ralph Martucci William Vacca

## ALLIANCE FOR BALANCED GROWTH:

Andrew Fetherston, Co-Chair John Lavelle, Co-Chair Tom Wheeler, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC, 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149 - Application of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc.,and Advance/Newhouse Partnership For Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations.

# Dear Chairman Wheeler:

This letter is written in support of the proposed Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable, Inc, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership merger.

The Orange County Partnership is a private, not-for-profit economic development agency that serves as the single point of contact for business development in Orange County. The Partnership's team of economic development professionals works with commercial real estate brokers, developers, site selection firms and regional and statewide economic development agencies to find the most advantageous and cost-effective locations for corporate attractions and expansions.

The Partnership recognizes that the information and communication sector is an increasingly critical component of a healthy economy and a significant factor in new business site selection.

We also understand that access to reliable 21<sup>st</sup> Century communications infrastructure, with competitive options for service, is a necessity for Orange County residents in their homes, schools and workplaces.

The proposed merger of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership will benefit the approximate 3.2 million consumers and many business enterprises across 1,100 communities in the State of New York. Based on available data, the Partnership believes that the new company will deliver superior communications services to residential customers in its service area. It also will invigorate efforts to offer business communications services to enterprises of all sizes, particularly small- and medium-sized

businesses, for which competitive options are often lacking. And as Charter Communications rolls-out its upgrades to the existing Time Warner Cable networks, it will boost job growth in construction and related downstream employment.

Therefore, the Orange County Partnership wholeheartedly supports the merger and urges the Commission to approve the Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership merger.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information.

Very truly yours,

Maureen Halahan President / CEO